

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-10 and 13-14 are pending in the present application. Claim 1 is amended to correct a typographical error. Specifically, the preamble of claim 1 is amended to recite "a serum component or a blood plasma component of" a whole blood sample. This phrase was added to the preamble of claim 13 in the Reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 filed on February 7, 2005, but inadvertently omitted from claim 1. Support for the subject matter added to claim 1 is found in the specification, such as on page 7, lines 12-16. No new matter is inserted into the application.

Entry of the instant Supplemental Reply into the record of the present application is respectfully requested.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Kristi L. Rupert, Ph.D. (Reg. No. 45,702) at the telephone number of the undersigned below.

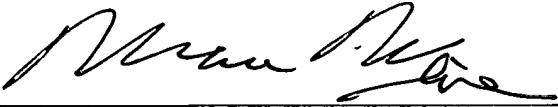
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required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of  
time fees.

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